

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace paragraph number [0021], with the following rewritten paragraph:

**[0001]** In addition, the first input and the second input have at least one characteristic, other than the time at which they are performed, distinct from one another. Examples of such inputs having distinct characteristics include depression of two distinct buttons to provide distinct inputs or sliding a member into distinct directions to provide distinct inputs as described above. Even though the successive actuations of switch 26 which achieve different states of device 20 are substantially identical, switch actuation mechanism 30 enables two distinct inputs to achieve such actuations. As a result, switch actuation mechanism 30 enables a user of device 20 to associate distinct inputs with distinct states of electronic device 20. In addition, because the distinct inputs allowed by switch actuation mechanism 30 may be visually or otherwise communicated to the user of device 20, the user is immediately educated and immediately acquainted with the distinct state of electronic device 20 upon simply viewing the distinct inputs identified along face 32 without having to read a user's manual or instructions for such appreciation.

Please replace paragraph number [0024], with the following rewritten paragraph:

**[0002]** Push buttons 138 and 140 generally comprise members having movable surfaces 148 and 150, respectively. Push buttons 138 and 140 are movably supported relative to face 32 and may have distinct indicia enabling a user of device 20 to distinguish between push buttons 138 and 140 and to associate distinct functions or states of device 20 with push buttons 138 and 140. The indicia associated with push buttons 138 and 140 have distinct characteristics such as distinct color, distinct shape, distinct size, distinct texture, distinct markings, distinct alphanumeric symbols

or distinct hardnesses. ~~This~~ These indicia may be on the surfaces 148, 150 or on the face 32, for example. ~~Depressment~~ Depression of push button 138 in the direction indicated by arrow 152 results in push button 138 engaging surface 144 which moves surface 142 against actuator 27 of switch 26 to actuate switch 26. Similarly, ~~depressment~~ depression of push button 140 in the direction indicated by arrow 154 causes push button 140 to engage surface 146 which results in surface 142 moving in the direction indicated by arrow 153 to depress actuator 27 of switch 26 to successively actuate switch 26.

Please replace paragraph number [0028], with the following rewritten paragraph:

**[0003]** In the particular embodiment illustrated, switch actuation mechanism 230 additionally includes biasing members 266 and 268 which resiliently bias member 236 towards a neutral position. Biasing members 266 and 268 may comprise springs, resilient materials such as foam or other resilient members or materials. In alternative embodiments, members 266 and 268 may be omitted. ~~In other embodiments, members 266 and 268 may be omitted.~~

Please replace paragraph number [0029], with the following rewritten paragraph:

**[0004]** FIGURE 4 schematically illustrates switch actuation mechanism 330, a third embodiment of switch actuation mechanism 30. Switch actuation mechanism 330 includes extension 136 and pivoting member 336. Extension 136 is described above with respect to FIGURE 2. Pivoting member 336 generally comprises a member movably supported for pivotal movement about axis 337 and includes actuation surface 338, actuation surface 340 and contact surface 348. Actuation surface ~~348~~ 338 is configured such that pivotal movement of member 336 about axis 337 in the direction indicated by arrow 350, results in actuation surface 338 engaging surface 144 to move extension 136 in the direction indicated by arrow 352 such that surface 142 depresses actuator 27 to actuate switch 26. Surface 340 is configured

such that pivotal movement of member 336 about axis 337 in the direction indicated by arrow 354 causes surface 340 engage surface 146 and causes surface 142 to depress actuator 27 of switch 26 to actuate switch 26. For example, a pivot pin, hinge, or other suitable structure may provide for the pivotal movement of the member 336 about axis 337. Once switch 26 is actuated, switch 26 resiliently returns actuator 27 and member 336 to the neutral position, according to some embodiments.

Please replace paragraph number [0030], with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0005] Contact surface 348 is exposed along face 32 and is configured to be contacted by a user's fingers for actuation of switch 26. Contact surface 348 includes portions 356 and 358 on opposite sides of axis 337. Portions 356 and 358 include distinct indicia associated with distinct states and functions of device 20 that may be achieved by successive actuation of switch 26. The distinct indicia have distinct characteristics such as distinct color, distinct shape, distinct size, distinct texture, distinct markings, distinct alphanumeric symbols or distinct hardnesses. For example, in one embodiment, portion 356 may have a surface marking or embossment indicating the performance of a function by mechanism(s) 22 while portion 358 has a marking or embossment indicating the termination or pausing of a function by mechanism(s) 22. In another embodiment, portion 356 has a hard surface texture while portion 358 has a soft or compressible surface texture. In another embodiment, surface portion 356 may be provided with a green color while surface portion 358 is provided with a red color. In still other embodiments, face 32 is provided with distinct portions 360, 362 adjacent to opposite portions of member 336, wherein portions 360 and 362 have distinct indicia associated with distinct functions or distinct states of device 20.

Please replace paragraph number [0033], with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0006] FIGURES 6-14 ~~45~~ illustrate printing system 520, a specific embodiment of printing system 420 described with respect to FIGURE 5. Printing system 520 is substantially identical to printing system 420 except that printing system 520 includes specific switch actuation mechanism 530, a specific embodiment of switch actuation mechanism 130 described with respect to FIGURE 2. Switch actuation mechanism 530 generally includes guide 570, extension 536 and push buttons 548, 550. Guide 570 generally comprises a structure configured to guide movement of extension 536 relative to actuator 27 of switch 26. As shown by FIGURE 7, switch 26 is coupled to controller 24 which includes a printed circuit board 572 along which signals are transmitted to various control components mounted or connected to circuit board 572. Guide 570 is coupled to housing 28 and includes an internal passageway 574 through which extension 536 extends into engagement with actuator 27 of switch 26. In alternative embodiments, guide 570 may be omitted where other structures are provided for guiding transmission of forces from push buttons 548 and 550 to actuator 27.

Please replace paragraph number [0034], with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0007] As shown by FIGURES 8 and 9, extension 536 includes post 576 and platform 578. Post 576 extends from platform 578 and includes actuation surface 542 for engaging actuator 27 of switch 26. Platform 578 is coupled to post 576 and supports buttons 548 and 550 at least partially above face 32 (shown in FIGURE 6) of housing 28. In the embodiment illustrated, platform 578 is integrally formed as part of a single unitary body with button 548 and is movable relative to button 550. Platform 578 includes boss 580. Boss 580 comprises a projection configured to be received within push button 550 to guide the relative movement of push button 550 and extension 536. In the particular embodiment illustrated, boss 580 additionally includes a channel 582 which is keyed to a corresponding projection 584 within an interior of push button 550.

Please replace paragraph number [0036], with the following rewritten paragraph:

**[0008]** As shown by FIGURE 10, push buttons 548 and 550 include contact surfaces 556, 558, respectively. Surfaces 556 and 558 extend along face 32 (as shown in FIGURE 6) and have distinct indicia which distinguish between distinct inputs required to successfully actuate switch 26. In the particular embodiment shown, contact surface 556 has a distinct shape, a distinct texture, a distinct surface marking and a distinct color as compared to contact surface 558. Contact surface 556 has a circular channel 588. Contact surface 558 omits such a channel. Contact surface 556 has an X-shaped surface marking 590. Contact surface 558 has a diamond and internal bar marking 592. Contact surface 556 is provided with a red color while contact surface 558 is provided with a green color. In alternative embodiments, contact surfaces 556 and 558 may have fewer or greater ~~number of~~ distinct indicia. In alternative embodiments, contact surfaces 556 and 558 may be identical to one another while portions of face 32 adjacent to contact surfaces 556 and 558 have distinct indicia.

Please replace paragraph number [0037], with the following rewritten paragraph:

**[0009]** FIGURES 13 and 14 illustrate the general operation of switch actuation mechanism 530. FIGURE 13 illustrates actuation mechanism 530 in a neutral position prior to actuation of switch 26. FIGURE ~~13~~ 14 illustrates switch 26 being actuated upon ~~depression~~ depression of push button 548 in the direction indicated by arrow 594. As a result, surface 542 of post 576 is forced downward to compress actuator 27 of switch 26 so as to actuate switch 26. In the embodiment illustrated, this results in printing mechanism 422 (shown in FIGURE 5) being stopped or paused. As contact surface 556, which is red, is being depressed, contact surface 558 of push button 550 remains relatively stationary with respect to surface 32. In the embodiment shown, the relative friction between push button 550 and aperture 596, through which push button 550 projects above surface 32, retains push

button 550 in place as extension 536 is being moved. In alternative embodiments, switch actuation mechanism 530 may additionally have a spring or other biasing mechanism between platform 578 and push button 550 to maintain push button 550 in place as extension 536 is being moved.